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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT FOR 1972

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC PORTION OF SECRETARY'S ANNUAL FOREIGN POLICY REPORT WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE APRIL 19. QUOTE: COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. THE UNITED STATES ASSISTED THE COUNTRY THROUGH A. I. D. LOAN DISBURSEMENTS, THE AUTHORIZATION OF A NEW LOAN FOR A PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION AND PUBLIC LAW 480 EXPORTS. THE EXPORT- IMPORT BANK WAS ACTIVE IN SUPPORTING A VARIETY OF DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

THE 1972 SUGAR PRODUCTION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WAS THE LARGEST EVER, RISING 10 PERCENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND BEGINNING 30 PERCENT HIGHER REVENUE. AT THE SAME TIME O. S. CAPITAL CONTINUED TO SHOW INTEREST IN INVESTING IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. GNP INCREASED AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF ABOUT 7 PERCENT. A CAMPAIGN IS CURRENTLY UNDER WAY TO INCREASE TOURISM, INCLUDING A LARGE- SCALE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT ON THE NORTH COAST. END QUOTE.

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2. PROJECTED GNP FIGURE CONTAINED IN REPORT NOW SEEMS LOW
IN VIEW OF LATEST DATA AVAILABLE. SHOULD ANY QUESTION
ARISE OVER THIS POINT, RESPONSE WILL OBVIOUSLY BE THAT

REPORT PREPARED PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF LATEST INFORMATION
THAT GNP GROWTH MAY APPROXIMATE 9 OR HE SAID THAT FIFTEEN COUNTRIES HAD
AGREED ON FEASIBILITY OF BANK AND IT COULD START ON SUBREGIONAL SCALE.

HE MADE FLEETING REFERENCE TO DESIRABILITY OF JAPANESE PARTICIPATION.

3. FOLLOWING COMPLETION PROK STATEMENT, CHAIRMAN THEN STARTED WITH
REPS' COMMENTS. JAPANESE LED OFF WITH BROAD, POSITIVE AND FUZZY
STATEMENT WHICH, IN EFFECT, COMPLETELY IGNORED KABUL DECLARATION
AND EXISTENCE OF TRADE EXPANSION PROGRAM, ACU, AND ARB. GOJ REP
REFERRED TO FORMIN OHIRA PLEA FOR PRACTICAL MEANS TO MEET LONG- TERM
NEEDS OF REGION SUCH AS A JOINT DEVELOPMENT PLAN. HE HOPED THAT IF
REVIEW OF ECAFE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN, THE IDEA OF JOINT DEVELOPMENT
PLAN WOULD BE CONSIDERED. MADE FAVORABLE REFERENCES TO REGIONAL
PEPPER, RUBBER, TIMBER GROUPS AND ENDED WITH SUGGESTION THAT GROUP
ON PROGRAMMING TECHNIQUES EMPHASIZE STUDIES ON UNEMPLOYMENT. IT WAS
INTERESTING THAT JAPANESE PAPERS IN PAST SEVERAL DAYS HAVE BEEN
FULL OF STORIES ABOUT NEGATIVE JAPANESE VIEWS ON PROPOSED ASIAN
CLEARING UNION AND ASIAN RESERVE BANK, PRESUMABLY OFFICIALLY
PLANTED, BY JAPANESE STATEMENT COMPLETELY IGNORED REFERENCE TO
THESE TWO PROPOSALS.

4. NOTABLE POINTS MADE BY OTHER REPS WERE AS FOLLOWS. SRI LANKA
SAID IT WOULD JOIN ACU AND IS CONSIDERING ARB. PHILIPPINES
EMPHASIZED SUBREGIONAL APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. SOVIETS
SAID THEY WOULD OFFER HELP OF EXPERT AND PAPERS FOR FIFTH SESSION
OF ASIAN PLANNERS. SUGGESTED THAT AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT SHOULD
NOT BE OVEREMPHASIZED TO NEGLECT OF STATE- RUN HEAVY INDUSTRY AND
SMALL- SCALE INDUSTRY. INDIA STATED IT WOULD JOIN ACU. EMPHASIZED
SHIPPING AND FREIGHT RATE PROBLEMS FROM LDC' S POINT OF VIEW AND
SUPPORTED CONVENING OF ASIAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE TRANSPORT.
CONCLUDED WITH OFFER TO HOST 31 ST ECAFE SESSION(1975). IRAN,
NOTING CHAIRMAN' S REQUEST FOR BREVITY, SAID IT WOULD JOIN
ACU AND ANNOUNCED DESIRE TO HOST UNION.

5. U NYUN CONCLUDED WITH OBSERVATIONS WHICH FOCUSSED ON TWO
THEMES: DESIRABILITY OF PROJECTS OF THE KABUL DECLARATION; AND
ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE REPS THAT THERE IS NO CONFLICT BETWEEN REGIONAL
AND SUBREGIONAL APPROACHES, THEY INTERMINGLE AND OVERLAY EACH
OTHER.

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